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SUBJECT: NOVA SCOTIA TO INCREASE USE OF COAL

SUMMARY: NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER GERALD REGAN ANNOUNCED IN A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD JUNE 1, PLANS FOR GREATER USE OF NOVA SCOTIA COAL, INCLUDING AN OPEN PIT MINING OPERATION IN PICTOU COUNTY, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL MORE PERMANENT ENERGY SOURCES SUCH AS BAY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER BECOME AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. GEORGE WIMPEY CANADA LTD., A WHOLLY-OWNED BRITISH SUBSIDIARY WITH HEADQUARTERS IN TORONTO, HAS BEEN SELECTED TO OPEN A STRIP COAL MINING OPERATION AT STELLARTON, NS, TO SUPPLY THE ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT AT TRENTON, NS. PRODUCTION WILL BE AN ESTIMATED 500,000 TONS PER YEAR AND DIRECTLY EMPLOY 100 PERSONS. THE 200 ACRE MINING AREA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE 10 MILLION TONS OF COAL IN SEVEN SEAMS ACCESSIBLE TO OPEN PIT MINING.

2. NOVA SCOTIA OFFICIALS HOPE TO MEET 55 PERCENT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVINCE'S GENERATING POWER REQUIREMENTS WITH COAL BY 1980. CURRENTLY COAL IS USED FOR 30 PERCENT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE PREMIER HAS ANNOUNCED INCREASED EXPLORATORY COAL DRILLING PROGRAMS TO BE UNDERTAKEN NEAR THORBURN, PICTOU CO., DEBERT, COLCHESTER CO., AND SPRINGHILL, PICTOU COUNTY. THE HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH GENERATING POWER PLANTS WILL BE CONVERTED FROM OIL FUEL

TO COAL WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS IF THE COAL
EXPLORATION PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL. CONVERSION WOULD
MEAN THE SAVINGS OF 2.2 MILLION BARRELS OF IMPORTED OIL
ANNUALLY.

3. NOVA SCOTIA IS INCREASING COAL PRODUCTION AS AN
INTERIM MEASURE. THE PREMIER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
WITHIN 15 YEARS THE PROVINCE WOULD HAVE "EITHER TIDAL
POWER (FROM THE BAY OF FUNDY) OR HAVE TURNED TO OTHER
LONG TERM SOLUTIONS". HE REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT S
DISTASTE OF USING NUCLEAR POWER, BUT DID NOT RULE OUT
ITS USE.

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